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BUILDERS ASSOCIATION (NMTBA) IOGA TRADE MISSION AND

MID AMERICAN MIDDLE EAST FINANCIAL MISSION.

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1. WELCOME REFERENCE TRADE MISSIONS AND WE ARE PREPARED TO TRY
TO ARRANGE PRODUCTIVE PROGRAM. REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT NMTBA
MISSION BE RESCHEDULED SO THAT WORKING DAYS IN CAIRO OCCUR MONDAY
THROUGH THURSDAY. MID AMERICA MISSION SHOULD SIMILARLY SCHEDULE
THEIR CAIRO VISIT.

2. PATTERN HAS DEVELOPED WHEREBY TRADE MISSIONS VISIT CAIRO WITH
WORKING DAYS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WHEN EMBASSY IS CLOSED. IN
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, THREE MISSION VISITS (MID AMERICA MISSION,
NAM MISSION, AND STATE OF TEXAS MISSION) OCCURRED OVER WEEK-ENDS.
THIS MONTH BOTH OPIC INVESTMENT MISSION VISIT AND RAILWAY TECHNOLOGY
MISSION ARE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EVENT.

3. THIS TYPE OF SCHEDULING PLACES GREAT STRAIN ON ALREADY HEAVILY
BURDENED SMALL EMBASSY STAFF. SEEMS TO US THERE IS NO REPEAT NO
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REASON WHY SUCH GROUPS, WHO USUALLY START ME TOURS IN CAIRO, CANNOT

ARRANGE ITINERARY SO THAT THEY ARE HERE ON EMBASSY WORKING DAYS.
THEY COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, ARRIVE IF NECESSARY ON A SUNDAY AND BEGIN
ACTIVITIES MONDAY.

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